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SUBJECT: JULY 4TH GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF DRC

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1. (U) Post received on July 6 a letter addressed to President Bush from DRC President Joseph Kabila congratulating the United States on its independence day holiday. An informal translation of the letter follows:

Start Text:

Your Excellency Mr. President,

On the occasion of your country's independence day on July 4, 2007, the Congolese people join me in wishing a happy celebration to you and to our friends, the people of the United States of America.

On this happy occasion, I pray that you may be blessed and that your work will bear fruit for your people as well as for all humanity.

I take this opportunity to renew thanks from the Congolese government for the valuable support of your country to the peace process in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, especially in the areas of security sector reform through restructuring of the national army and police, as well as in the area of diplomacy through coordination of the Tripartite Plus One Commission.

I look forward to strengthening the amicable and cooperative relationships which have always existed between our two peoples and our two nations.

Please accept, Mr. President, my best regards,

Joseph Kabila

End Text.

2. (U) Post is pouching the original letter to AF/C, Madeline Seidenstricker.

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